



# Western Europe Starts Shutting Out the Immigrants

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LONDON — Fervently, painfully, the nations of Western Europe are recognizing that immigration is probably the most explosive problem they face, and they are taking drastic steps to fend off unwanted foreigners.

From Sweden to Greece all the West European countries feel that they are under siege as hundreds of thousands of poor people cross the newly opened borders of Eastern Europe or flee economically desperate countries in Africa and Southeast Asia.

Once tolerated because they were willing to work in low-wage jobs, the newcomers are now seen as competitors, and many have become targets of wrath as recession tightens its grip. As a result, West European governments are adopting new laws and strategies to shut out immigrants.

## A Continent Adrift

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In a camp on the site of a former Belgian military barracks outside Cologne, 430 people from around the world await word on their fate, most likely expulsion.

"I don't know what to do," said Ali Ibrahim Jackson, a 19-year-old Liberian lounging against a wire fence in a bright blue track suit on a recent afternoon. Three months ago he stowed away on a freighter from Nigeria to Bremen with visions of becoming a soccer star.

"I can't go back," he said, though a fragile cease-fire took hold last week in Liberia's civil war. "I walk the street and I'm a dead man."

In their economic distress, West Europeans are turning against the strangers in their midst, including the 2.5 million living illegally in the 17 countries. In the European Community the unemployment rate expected to pass 12 percent next year, meaning that 19 million people will be out of work.

Rightist parties are campaigning on a platform of expulsions of "foreigners." While there is little immediate danger that the far right will come to power on a national level, governments are shifting to the right on the immigration issue to blunt the threat.

West European leaders are worried about rising xenophobia and racism and increasing attacks on foreigners. Nervously, they listen to the speeches of ideologues who hark back to a bygone era when their countries were supposedly homogeneous, comfortable, orderly, and virtually all white.

But the changes in the ethnic makeup of Western Europe are already irrevocable. For generations, Pakistanis have lived in Britain, Algerians in France, and Turks in Germany, and even though they are regarded by some people as aliens, they are there to stay.

In Europe's southern countries, where young people once went abroad to start new lives and wrote home about the prejudice they encountered, people are startled to find that they are now the hosts, and can themselves be bigoted.

In the Madrid suburb of Aravaca, thugs called "rapados" break into an abandoned building where Dominican squatters are living, and one opens fire with a pistol. In Rome, "Nazi-skis" torch residences of foreigners and patrol the parks at night, beating up Africans who sleep there.

Germany has revised its constitution, eviscerating the well-known Article XVI. Symbolically a form of moral compensation for the Germans who found haven from the Nazis during World War II, it promised asylum to "people persecuted on political grounds." That clause brought in 438,000 immigrants last year. On July 1, the provision expired, and Germany's immigration policy became one of the most restrictive in Europe.

France, with its rightist interior minister, Charles

Pasqua, leading the way, has been tightening its immigration requirements.

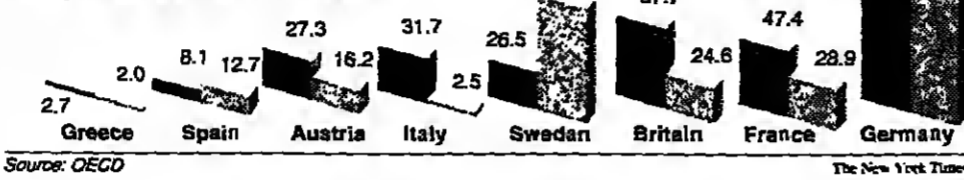
But no country has gone as far as Greece. Feeling overwhelmed by about 200,000 Albanians who slipped across the mountainous border over the last three years, the Athens government recently seized upon Albania's expulsion of a Greek Orthodox priest as a justification to round up and expel more than 25,000 Albanians.

A United Nations Population Fund report estimates that from 1980 to 1992, 15 million people poured into Western Europe as migrants. Officials at the UN High Commissioner for Refugees estimate that the number of newcomers is still running at 1 million to 2 million a year.

For a region of some 300 million that exported its own people up until the 1970s, that seems to constitute an invasion.

## Knocking on Western Europe's Door

People applying for political asylum in each country in 1991 and 1992, in thousands.



Source: OECD

The New York Times

Even the number of political refugees has mushroomed in Western Europe. Up until the mid-1970s there were about 30,000 a year, and most fit the definition of the 1951 Geneva Convention — that is, they had a "well-founded fear of persecution" in their home countries.

But as a side door for people fleeing economic deprivation, asylum requests rose dramatically, reaching 700,000 last year and costing governments an estimated \$8.3 billion.

Unlike earlier postwar immigrants from southern Europe, many of the newcomers differ from long-term inhabitants in skin color and religion. Millions did not assimilate, but congregated in ghettos on the outskirts of cities.

The 2.6 million people in Britain considered members of ethnic minorities — almost 5 percent of the nation's 56 million people — include West Indians, Bangladeshis, Indians, West Africans, Pakistanis, and others. Almost half were born in Britain, and as British natives naturally identify themselves as British rather than, say, black African or black Caribbean.

The number of racially motivated incidents reported to the police in Britain has skyrocketed, from 4,383 in 1988 to 7,793 in 1992.

Globally, there is no prospect that pressure for migration will cease.

Smugglers fill boats with Chinese destined for California, Haitians take to the seas trying to reach Florida, and thousands of Africans board planes headed for Europe. In one case, 156 Iraqis chartered an Egyptian airliner and flew to London to request asylum.

"There are no distances any longer in this world," said Dr. Manfred Matzka, Austria's director of immigration. "There are no islands."

In Austria, the Traiskirchen camp, 32 kilometers outside Vienna, is known as the Ellis Island of Western Europe. After the suppression of the 1956 uprising in Hungary, it took in 180,000 Hungarians; after the crushing of Prague Spring in 1968, 150,000 Czechs and Slovaks; after martial law was declared in Poland in 1981, 40,000 Poles.

But in June 1992, Austria adopted a new and complicated law that made political asylum very diffi-

cult to obtain. It quickly sends "manifestly unfounded" cases right back where they came from, and asserts that anyone who comes through a "safe" country can be deemed to have found protection there.

The law was effective. In the first six months of 1992, there were 11,875 applications for asylum. In the first six months of 1993, there were only 2,490.

The same principles are now widely applied in Europe, where nine countries have grouped in what is called the Schengen convention to "harmonize" restrictions. West European countries have now declared surrounding countries "safe," so in effect no refugee can win asylum by coming overland through another country.

The chances of arriving through an airport are now minimal, too, because visa requirements have been imposed on 110 countries. Many European countries insist that refugees passing through a transit lounge of another country are in effect "staying" there. Airlines that carry a passenger without a valid passport and visa face fines up to \$3,000, a policy that Britain began in 1987.

The Schengen agreement, under which all EC countries except Britain, Ireland, and Denmark are to dispense with internal borders and strengthen external borders, is supposed to take effect in December.

But the accord is already causing anxiety, especially in France, which fears a flood of drugs from the Netherlands and a wave of illegal immigrants from Italy and Spain. To help allay such fears, the governments involved have agreed to give police officers extra powers to do things like check documents within 40 kilometers of internal borders.

The key tool in the European fight is a computer system called SIS. The system will maintain a data base so that the denial of asylum to an applicant in one country will be recorded everywhere. Another system, EURO DAC, which uses fingerprints for identification, will link police stations so "undesirables" can be quickly spotted.

Austria has sent 2,000 troops to try to seal the Hungarian border. Germany has bolstered its forces along the Polish border and installed infrared sensors to intercept the thousands from Lithuania, Belarus, and other Eastern European countries who make it nightly across the Neisse.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### California Governor Targets Aliens

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Declaring that California's quality of life and economic recovery are "under siege" from illegal immigration, Governor Pete Wilson has proposed a sweeping program to cut off health and education benefits to illegal immigrants and deny citizenship to their children.

Except in emergencies, state assistance would go only to those immigrants who could prove they were in the state legally by presenting a "tamper-proof" identification card, the Republican governor proposed.

Immigration is expected to play a major role in the 1994 gubernatorial campaign and Democratic critics noted Mr. Wilson's partisan motivation in taking such aggressive stands on issues largely out of his control. Most of the proposals Mr. Wilson made Monday have been raised without success in Congress and in at least one case would require an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Mr. Wilson packaged his proposals into an "open letter" faxed to the White House.

### Kurds Free 4 Frenchmen in Turkey

ANKARA (Reuters) — Kurdish Workers Party guerrillas released four French tourists on Tuesday after holding them in the mountains of southeast Turkey for more than two weeks.

The four, Fernand Haron, 66, Michel Coudray, 52, Pierre Fir, 43, and Robert Audouin, 51, were set free on a road between the eastern towns of Tatvan and Van soon after midnight near the spot where the guerrillas seized them from a tour bus on July 24. Two hostages remain, David Rowbottom of Britain and Tania Miller, who has dual British-Australian nationality.

### German Hostel Fire Ruled Accident

BONN (Reuters) — A fire that swept through an asylum-seekers' hostel killing a 2-year-old Lebanese child in the north German town of Emmek was started by accident, the police said Tuesday.

The police said the blaze Monday began when a lamp overheated and fell onto a bed. Four other children escaped the fire, which broke out while their parents were at a nearby hospital where the mother was undergoing surgery.

### Castro Gets an Appeal to Step Down

CARTAGENA, Colombia (Reuters) — Leading European, Latin American and Caribbean politicians on Tuesday urged Fidel Castro to resign as president of Cuba and hold free elections.

Their call, in two newspaper advertisements, came on the second day of Mr. Castro's surprise visit to this Colombian port city for talks with President Cesar Gaviria Trujillo on the future of his Communist-ruled island.

## TRAVEL UPDATE

Spanish fire fighters have controlled a blaze that destroyed 5,000 hectares (12,500 acres) of forest in a national park near Granada. Officials at Huetor park said they hoped the fire could be put out soon if winds remained light. Another fire, north of Valencia, was extinguished Tuesday after destroying nearly 6,000 hectares.

Greek workers plan a 24-hour strike in public utilities, banks, transport and industry on Thursday to back unions at the state phone company who oppose its partial privatization.

Jerusalem police are setting up a special force to guard Muslim, Christian and Jewish shrines in the city, a spokesman said Tuesday. The decision followed recommendations from an internal investigation into a clash in October 1990 in which 17 Palestinians were killed by Israeli police at Al Aqsa Mosque.

Shoppers have overtaken pavilions at Buckingham Palace. Overwhelmed by the demand for mugs, chocolates and neckties, the palace said Tuesday it will start a second souvenir shop. Suppliers of trinkets are being nudged to step up production. The palace opened to tourists for the first time Saturday, and while ticket sales have been lower than forecast, the souvenir trade has thrived.

More than 90 people have perished in the Alps since the climbing season began in June, according to mountain rescue services, which attribute the soaring toll to inexperience by the tourists trying to go up the peaks. Forty-four deaths have been reported in Austria, at least 21 in Switzerland, 6 in Italy and 18 in France.

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Soviet Union as at keeping a vigil over any military buildup.

"Had we not patrolled the border very professionally, the guy on the other side wouldn't have folded his fence and gone home," said Colonel William Wallace, commander of the regiment.

The patrols ended in April 1990, made obsolete by approaching German reunification. But, unlike some German communities that quickly lobbied to have the U.S. soldiers removed from their presence, Fulda, a pretty, baroque town that houses the regiment's head-

quarters, wanted the soldiers to stay.

Relations with the Americans traditionally have been good, having survived even mishaps such as the time a few years ago when a fresh lieutenant thought — incorrectly, it turned out — that his mobile howitzer would squeeze through an ancient city gate.

Wolfgang Hammerger, the city's mayor, even traveled to the Pentagon last month to make a final plea for keeping the troops in Fulda. But for the most, the protest against the departure has been replaced by a wistful acceptance.

## Allies See End of Siege As Key to Avert Attacks

By Joseph Fitchett  
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — In approving standby plans for allied air strikes in Bosnia, Western governments backed the U.S. view that military intervention would be used to prevent Serbian forces from starving Sarajevo into surrender, NATO officials said Tuesday.

"The situation has to improve" for Sarajevo instead of stagnating in the present grim conditions, a Clinton administration official said in Brussels, in explaining the political framework of the allies' decision to agree to attacks.

An ultimate political impetus for ordering NATO warplanes into action still has to come from allied capitals, principally Washington and Paris. They would also have to persuade the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali, to request NATO action.

"This is action that we still hope

we can avoid taking," the American official said in Brussels, acknowledging that Bosnian Serb forces seemed skeptical of the Western threats.

But a NATO official, turning aside suggestions that NATO was engaging in bluster, said that this time Western capitals had set "criteria" about what Serbian forces must do to avoid intervention.

He and other officials declined to provide specifics, arguing that policymakers needed.

But NATO officials said that they discerned a tougher sense of purpose in the alliance, which smoothed the way to political approval Monday of final options.

Hardening Western policy about military action reflects a tactical alliance between the United States and France, countries often in political rivalry within NATO but now united about Bosnia.

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"both sides — Muslim and Serb — were cooperating." In reality, UN officers said, the Serbs appeared to be seeking to use the guise of a withdrawal to change their troops and insert fresh ones into the fray.

The French military spokesman also said that starting Tuesday morning, Serbian forces on Mount Igman had taken back all the positions that they handed over to UN forces on Monday, when the withdrawal was scheduled to begin.

"We were left with nothing," he said. "Yesterday, the Serbs were the 'nice guys' and today they're not. They've retaken their positions and told us to wait."

By the end of day, it seemed that the only Serbian position that had been vacated was the top of Mount Bjelasnica, a 6,817-foot (2,080-meter) peak that overlooks the 6,547-foot Mount Igman.

Lieutenant Commander Barry Frewer, chief spokesman for the UN force, said that before the Serbs left the mountain top they blew up and set fire to the main television transmitter for the Sarajevo area.

From a distance it looked like the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

"Because we don't know where the Bjelasnica forces went we don't know if this is a withdrawal of a redeployment," Commander Frewer said.

### Mediators Back Position

Alan Riding of The New York Times reported from Geneva.

In directly endorsing Bosnian Muslim demands, the international mediators on the former Yugoslavia said Tuesday that they would not reconvene peace talks on Bosnia-Herzegovina until Serb forces had withdrawn fully from the two strategic mountain peaks overlooking Sarajevo.

The Bosnian Muslim delegation has been boycotting the negotiations with Serb and Croat leaders since Aug. 1 to protest the Serb seizure of Mount Igman and Mount Bjelasnica. A United Nations spokesman said Serbs had pulled back from Mount Bjelasnica, but were still present on Mount Igman.

The spokesman, John Mills, said that the European Community's mediator, Lord Owen, and the United Nations envoy, Thorvald Stoltenberg, had concluded that it would be "unfair" to ask the President Fretzbecher to return to the talks until all Serb forces had withdrawn.

Tuesday morning they telephoned the Bosnian Serbs' leader, Mr. Karadzic, to demand speedy evacuation of his troops from Mount Igman.

They later repeated their message in a two-hour meeting with Mr. Karadzic, who telephoned his military commander, General Mladic, in their presence.

Mr. Mills said the Serb leader then informed Lord Owen and Mr. Stoltenberg that his forces "were ready to leave but raised a number of concerns, such as the number of United Nations troops who would take their place."

Mr. Mills said the mediators were nonetheless hopeful that the negotiations might resume Wednesday.

He said Mr. Stoltenberg would obtain an up-to-the-minute report from United Nations military commanders in the field early Wednesday before he and Lord Owen decided if the talks could go ahead.

Mr. Iztbegovic, who also held a private meeting with the mediators this afternoon, told reporters that the negotiations would resume "maybe tomorrow at 10 A.M. — if the Serbs withdraw from the mountains."

## NATO: Mixed Signals

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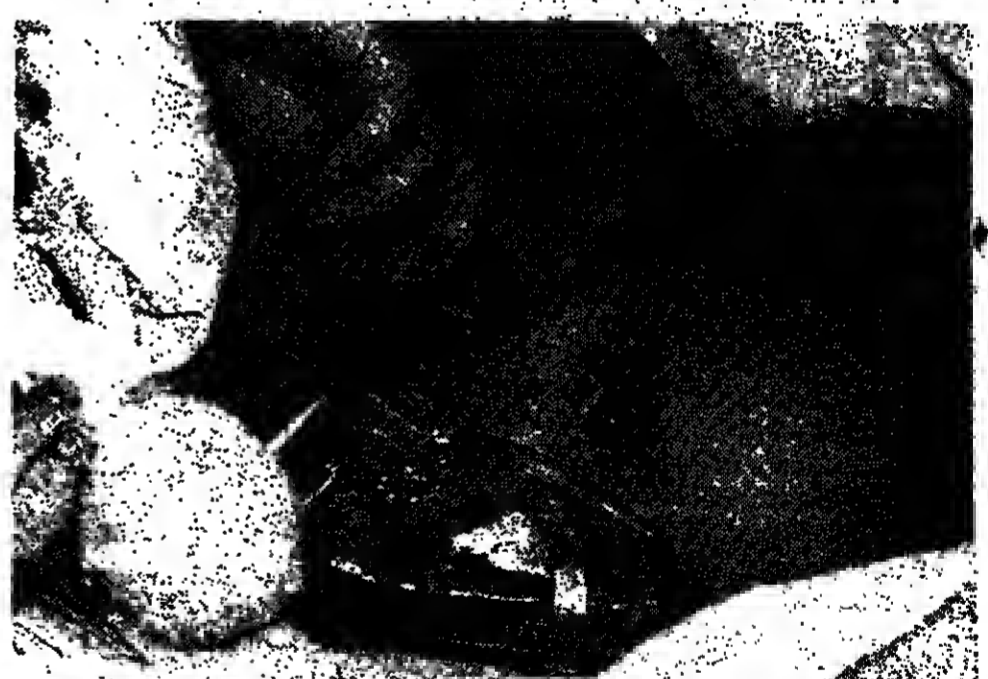
the first time in its history, to use air power for something other than the defense of its territory," a senior NATO official said. "That's a big shift."

Perhaps, although the shift is thus far largely rhetorical, as Assistant Secretary of State Stephen Ouzon said of the Serbs, "deeds are more important than words."

Yet the alliance's willingness to redefine itself bespeaks NATO's fear of its own irrelevance. That is partly because no bureaucracy desires its own demise; more charitably, it is because there is agreement on the continued importance of common security, even if the threat is no longer as easily defined as in the days of East-West confrontation.

The recent buzz phrase "out of area or out of business" hung heavily over the recent meeting in Brussels. Coined by three Rand Corp. analysts in a recent paper on NATO's future, the phrase captures the difficulty facing the alliance. Without a strategic overhead — including more robust German participation, membership for several East European nations and a willingness to actively pursue vital interests beyond its traditional Atlantic region — the alliance will quickly atrophy, the authors contend.

The conflicts in the former Yugoslavia, and particularly the death throes of Sarajevo, have brought the issue to a climax. Some NATO officials believe that the predicament is as critical to NATO's stability as the "dual track" controversy of the late 1970s and early 1980s, when the alliance agreed, amid great turmoil, to match a new generation of Soviet nuclear missiles while simultaneously pursuing arms control negotiations.



Irma clutched a doll during the flight that brought her to London for emergency treatment.

## In U.K., Surgery for Sarajevo Girl

Reuters

LONDON — A wounded 5-year-old girl seen as symbolizing Sarajevo and the world's failure to stop the Bosnian war was diagnosed Tuesday as having meningitis, but doctors said she had not suffered permanent brain damage.

Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital here said scans had found that the girl, Irma Hadzimiratovic, was suffering from the disease, an inflammation of the brain. Neurosurgeons operated for three hours during the night to remove fluid from her brain and shrapnel from her spine.

She was flown from Sarajevo on Monday by the Royal Air Force in an act whose motivation was questioned Tuesday in the British press.

There was no sign of serious brain damage but it will be several weeks before doctors can assess the possibility of permanent injury from an infected wound in her back, Dr. William Harkness said.

Irma, victim of a Serbian mortar attack 10 days ago, in which her mother was killed, was evacuated in a British relief aircraft after Prime Minister John Major responded to an appeal from a doctor in Sarajevo, Edo Jaganjac.

Government sources said Mr. Major had interrupted a holiday to order the airlift after being touched by Irma's ordeal. But some commentators saw more to the operation than a humanitarian effort, saying that Irma's story diverted

attention from the faltering Bosnia peace talks and uncertainty over possible NATO air strikes on Serbian positions.

"The spectacle of politicians rushing to rescue one young casualty of war is a triumph of cynicism masquerading as compassion," said Maggie O'Kane, a columnist in The Guardian, one of a number of skeptical responses.

Mr. Major, however, denied Tuesday that his government had been shamed into acting by pictures of television and on the front pages of newspapers. "No we haven't," he told reporters in Oxford. "We were the first people to put in humanitarian aid. I think people across the world recognize that."

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## POLITICAL VOICES

### West Reshaping of Land Policy Starts

WASHINGTON — Returning to an issue set aside when it appeared to threaten the budget negotiations, the Clinton administration has announced plans to more than double grazing fees for ranchers who use federal land, as the first step toward reshaping Western land policy.

Environmentalists heralded the action and predicted that it would reduce overgrazing on public land, which they say harms wildlife forests and streams. Western Republicans condemned it as a betrayal, while Democratic senators from the West said the measures were less severe than the proposals President Bill Clinton had originally made in his budget, and which they had persuaded him to drop.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, who announced the fee increases and a number of new controls over water rights and the use of public land, said more changes would be announced next month. He and other administration officials described the move as part of a wide-ranging effort to reverse a century of federal policy that promoted development in the Far West with government subsidies.

The new land management policy, administration officials predict, will mean that miners will begin paying royalties for mining gold and other metals, timber companies will no longer log national forests at below-market prices, and farmers will begin to pay surcharges to irrigate federal land.

"It's about our commitment and our responsibility to live more lightly on the land," Mr. Babbitt said. "It's about asserting our American heritage, the landscape, the resources and the culture that constitutes the American West."

The policy announcement represented a victory for Mr. Babbitt, who as a former governor of Arizona has argued vehemently within the administration that the president can overturn outdated land policies without committing the political suicide in the West.

Administration officials said the change in grazing fees, which would apply to owners of livestock that graze on the 280 million acres (115 million hectares) of public range, should generate an average extra \$20 million a year for the Treasury as it is phased in by 1996 — about \$4 million less than the administration had originally proposed. (NYT)

### Nixon Must Get Personal Tapes, Judge Says

WASHINGTON — A federal judge has barred the National Archives from releasing more of President Richard Nixon's White House tapes until all personal conversations are separated and returned to him.

Judge Royce C. Lamberth of U.S. District Court said the statute authorizing the release of tapes made by Mr. Nixon immediately after the Watergate break-in provided that "purely private material be returned for his sole custody and use." He added: "We are now in 1993. Not one bit of that material has been turned over."

The archive office, which so far has released 63 of 4,000 hours of tapes, was granted custody of the recordings in a 1974 law. In 1977 the Supreme Court upheld that statute and ordered the archives to return personal materials, such as conversations with relatives and other recordings unrelated to government business, to Mr. Nixon.

By granting Mr. Nixon his request for a preliminary injunction, Judge Lamberth halted the release of four hours of tapes that were to have been made public this month. The segments contained conversations from July and August of 1972.

"I don't think this will stand in the long run," said Patti Goldman, a lawyer for Public Citizen Litigation Group. (NYT)

### Hillary Clinton Wooes Hospital Group

WASHINGTON — Stepping up the administration's drive to overhaul the health care system, Hillary Rodham Clinton, wife of President Bill Clinton, appealed for the support of the American Hospital Association, telling the group that the president's emerging program would restore "compassion and caring into our society."

She also dangled before the association a quid pro quo for its backing: relief from antitrust regulations so that hospitals can discuss confidential business affairs with one another and with networks of doctors in an effort to reduce operating expenses and patient fees.

Mrs. Clinton did not disclose any new details of the plan, but she praised the progress that many hospitals have made in resignifying themselves to deliver care more efficiently. She acknowledged that many such hospitals, in seeking to merge or simply share expensive high-technology equipment, have felt stymied by their inability to "get quick and reliable advice from the enforcers of the antitrust laws." (LAT)

### Quote / Unquote

Thomas S. Foley, the speaker of the House, on the passage by Congress of the president's budget package: "I think it helps his Congress to be particularly when you look at the alternative. If he had lost this vote in the House or the Senate, we'd be sitting here today answering questions about whether the Clinton presidency had any future at all." (AP)

### Away From Politics

- How do you keep well-fed gulls, paddling in your drinking water, from doing what gulls do? Other cities have covered their reservoirs with plastic, but New York City officials are drafting plans for a concrete cover. Investigators traced an outbreak of bacteria in city tap water to gulls at the Hillview reservoir in Yonkers.
- The first new drug therapy for cystic fibrosis in 30 years has won backing from a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel in Rockville, Maryland. The committee based its unanimous vote for approval on a study that found the drug, domoic acid, reduced infections and improved the quality of life for stable cystic fibrosis patients over age 5.
- A former Mississippi College president pocketed at least \$3 million in contributions to the school since 1978, a lawsuit filed by the non-profit Baptist college in Jackson, Mississippi, charged. Lewis Noprivate Baptist college last week, was named in 1986 as one of the 19 most effective college presidents in the United States in a national Exxon Foundation education survey.
- A compromise on storage of spent nuclear fuel was negotiated by the Department of Energy between the state of Idaho and the Navy to allow the storage at a federal atomic reservation.
- The Church of Christ, Scientist said it would cut back its international shortwave radio broadcasts and sell one of its three transmitters in an effort to save money. The church, which owns one of the most powerful shortwave radio networks in the world, also will sell air time to other broadcasters.
- For Sale: Resting 150-foot freighter. Name: Golden Venture. Last voyage: To New York City from Southeast Asia, with 300 illegal immigrants from China aboard. Price: \$17,500 or best bid. Buyers invited to take a look at the freighter, now docked on Staten Island. (NYT, AP)

## Public Is Skeptical Of Clinton Budget, But Finds It Fair

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The public is skeptical of President Bill Clinton's economic legislation, expressing doubts that it will help the economy or curb budget deficits, according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll.

Mr. Clinton has made progress in convincing a majority of Americans that his plan spreads the tax burden fairly, but two out of three expressed agreement with Republicans that the measures are too heavy on taxes and do not cut government spending enough.

Overall, 48 percent of those sampled from Friday through Sunday night said they disapproved of the congressional version of the Clinton economic plan, while 43 percent approved. Eight days earlier, as the final, intensive partisan debate was beginning, the public divided evenly, with 38 percent approving and disapproving the proposals.

The same doubts surfaced when people were asked to gauge the impact on the economy and future deficits of the complex budget reconciliation bill. They divided almost evenly on whether the plan would help or hurt. But those who doubted the plan would help were much more intense in their feelings. For every person who thought the plan would help greatly there were three who said it would harm.

These doubts appear to have deflated the president, at least for now, any significant political boost out of his roughly 200 days in office. His overall approval rating is 51 percent, down from 55 percent when he took office, and statistically indistinguishable from the level he has maintained since May. The numbers suggest that Mr. Clinton has put a floor under the precipitous decline in support he suffered in his early months in office but has not begun a recovery.

That is reinforced by the rating people gave him on handling the economy, where 55 percent to 40 percent disapproved, mirroring the findings since May. He rated lower on foreign policy, and scored notably higher on the federal response to the Midwest floods, where 7 out of 10 in the survey expressed approval of his actions.

Glen Bolger, whose firm, Public Opinion Strategies, polls for Republicans, said the numbers suggested that while Mr. Clinton's feat in squeezing out narrow majorities in the House and Senate "is being hailed by the media as a process victory, it is being perceived by the voters as a policy loss."

But Stanley Greenberg, Mr. Clinton's pollster, said it showed "Clinton crossed the finish line in June, July and August, the 'fair deal-even' despite spurring a lead that raises taxes and cuts spending on some popular projects.



President Bill Clinton defending his deficit-reduction plan and tax legislation from the steps of the West Virginia Capitol in Charleston.

## In Last Note, Clinton Aide Deplored D.C. Politics

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — The deputy White House counsel, Vincent Foster Jr., committed suicide after writing a note saying that he "was not meant for the job or the spotlight of public life in Washington," officials said Tuesday.

"Here, ruining people is considered sport," he wrote in a note found torn to pieces almost a week after his death July 20.

It was not known exactly when he wrote the note, according to the U.S. Park police chief, Robert E. Langston.

Mr. Foster's wife, Lisa, had told him one and a half weeks before he died of a single gunshot wound to the head that he should write down his concerns, Mr. Langston said, adding that the note could have been written at any time after that.

He said the condition of the death scene, the medical examiner's findings and the information from friends and family about Mr. Foster's anxiety and job concerns clearly indicated that Mr. Foster committed suicide.

"Our investigation has found no evidence of foul play," he said at a press conference in the Justice Department.

Robert Bryant, special agent in charge of the FBI's Washington field office, said, "What we have here is a great, sad tragedy in our community."

In a note that had previously been described by a White House official as akin to a draft of a resignation letter, Mr. Foster said, "The public will never believe the innocence of the Clintons and their loyal staff."

The next line was a direct shot at the Wall Street Journal, which had targeted him for critical editorials: "The WSJ editors lie without conscience."

The note of the Wall Street Journal in Mr. Foster's anxiety was central. The Journal published two editorials shortly before his

death that raised questions about the high government positions held by a handful of lawyers who had previously worked in Arkansas with Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Kansas wife. All were members of Mrs. Rose law firm in Little Rock where President Clinton had practiced. Mr. Foster and President Bill Clinton had been close friends since childhood.

The editorials, one entitled "Who Is Vince Foster?" essentially charged the Clinton administration with cynicism.

Since the suicide, the Journal has been publicly criticized by some Washington columnists, and the Journal has twice published editorials defending its position and urging that a full investigation be conducted of Mr. Foster's death.

Among the issues clearly weighing on Mr. Foster was the White House's handling of changes at its travel office, which organizes charter aircraft to ferry the press that accom-

panied the president. At the time of the suicide, the press is covering the illegal benefits they received from the travel staff.

"The GOP has lied and misrepresented its knowledge and role and covered up a prior investigation."

"The Ushers Office plotted to have excessive costs incurred, taking advantage of Kaki and HRC."

"The public will never believe the innocence of the Clintons and their loyal staff."

"The WSJ editors lie without conscience."

"I was not meant for the job or the spotlight of public life in Washington. Here ruining people is considered sport."

Mr. Clinton's position, he argued, was far stronger than that of governors of both parties when they pushed through similar measures. "This is the toughest moment," he said. "I think there's hope in these numbers."

What Mr. Greenberg called "very impressive" was the upward trend in the percentage of people saying they think they are being asked to do their fair share under the plan, rather than being given an unfair burden. In successive polls in June, July and August, the "fair share" bloc climbed from 41 percent to 49 percent to 56 percent.

while the "unfair burden" group dropped 15 percentage points.

Winning the "fairness" argument was a major objective of Mr. Clinton's sales drive for his plan, and Mr. Greenberg said he took heart from the fact "we've gained back much of the ground we had on Feb. 17," the date Mr. Clinton introduced his plan in an address to Congress. Then, 70 percent of all people and 77 percent of those who had heard or listened to the speech said the Post-ABC interviewers they thought the program fair.

The favorable verdict on fairness apparently reflects the fact that

## Arabs Balk U.S. Over China Ship

By R. Jeffrey Smith

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The United States has been trying for two weeks to verify a cargo of what it suspects are chemical-weapon materials being shipped to Iran from China, according to U.S. officials. But Washington has been unable to persuade normally cooperative Arab countries in the Middle East to allow the ship to dock for inspection, the officials said.

Three Arab countries have refused to open their ports to the ship after statements from Washington that it is probably carrying prohibited chemicals to the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, they said.

The U.S. officials said the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and Bahrain had refused to intercede in the shipment, apparently because of reluctance to antagonize Iran. They officials said Washington was pressing Saudi Arabia to allow the ship to dock there for inspection.

Diplomatic tussling over the ship began shortly after it left a northern Chinese port July 15.

The following week, the U.S. ambassador to Beijing, J. Stapleton Roy, informed officials at the Chinese Foreign Ministry that the ship appeared to be carrying two chemicals used in manufacture blister and nerve agents, thiodiglycol and thionyl chloride.

Both chemicals are on a list of poison-gas materials subject to strict international controls that Beijing has pledged to respect, the officials said.

Mr. Roy asked that China prevent the ship from reaching Iran and order it to submit to inspection in a port with U.S. participation.

China, while publicly denouncing the U.S. effort to interfere in the shipment, has kept the vessel from moving to Bandar Abbas.

The ship has been lingering in Iranian territorial waters since Thursday under nearly continuous U.S. air and naval surveillance, the U.S. officials said.

## 'Ruining People Is Considered Sport'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Following is the text of a note found in the briefcase of Vincent Foster Jr., deputy White House counsel, on July 20 and released by the Justice Department, the punctuation is Mr. Foster's.

"I made mistakes from ignorance, inexperience and overwork."

"I did not knowingly violate any law or standard of conduct."

"No one in the White House, to my knowledge, violated any law or standard of conduct, including any action in the travel office. There was no intent to benefit any individual or specific group."

## U.S. Plans to Ease Exporting of Rocket Technology

By Douglas Frantz

Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON — The White House is completing plans to permit the exporting of U.S. rocket technology that is now restricted because it could be used to develop ballistic missiles, according to Clinton administration sources.

The proposal to allow the sale of space technology under strengthened safeguards is part of a review of export controls and non-proliferation policy ordered by President Bill Clinton.

The review, being carried out by the National Security Council in concert with the Commerce, Defense and State departments, is attempting to balance Mr. Clinton's campaign pledge to stem the spread of weapons with the need to stimulate jobs through exports, particularly in the beleaguered aerospace and defense industries.

The proposals also include continued restrictions on the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. All the agencies involved in making the proposals

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have agreed that they should be carried out, according to senior administration sources. The president is expected to act on the recommendations soon.

The proposals are fraught with potential controversy. On the one hand, business is pressuring the administration to ease the restrictions, arguing that U.S. industry is being unfairly hampered while foreign competitors sell the technology without restrictions. At the same time, there is concern that the sale of such technology could speed up production of weapons that could be used against the United States and its allies.

In an effort to address the concerns, sources said, the proposal to sell rocket technology is coupled with plans for tighter guidelines on the spread of ballistic missiles and a worldwide ban on the production of weapons-grade uranium and plutonium.

Separate consultations are under way with allies to ease restrictions on computer exports and to allow foreign sales of supercomputers that perform at levels above those now permitted for export.

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# To U.S., Hosokawa Says 'Yes' but 'No'

By James Sterngold  
New York Times Service

**TOKYO** — Japan's new Prime Minister on Tuesday used his first news conference to emphasize his eagerness to improve strained relations and reduce Japan's huge trade surplus with the United States, but he rejected most of the tools President Bill Clinton has insisted on using to do the job.

While Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa said that generally Japan would open its markets and reform its political structure, he suggested it would not open its rice market, would not cut taxes to stimulate the anemic economy, and would refuse to set targets either for Japanese imports or for reductions in the trade surplus, which the Clinton administration has sought.

In the hour-long news conference, Mr. Hosokawa revealed himself as committed to change, but on a narrow range of issues focused principally on eliminating electoral corruption.

He explained that he was generally happy to defer to long-standing policies established by bureaucrats for a range of other issues, including relations with Washington. In fact, while repeating earlier pledges to make Japan a more active and responsible global citizen, he stated that he would seek to heal "the domestic political scars caused by the Cold War."

"Like it or not, the international bipolarity epitomized by the United States and the Soviet Union generated a bipolarity in Japanese politics as well," said Mr. Hosokawa.

President Bill Clinton has demanded improvements in relations with Japan. He has sought to pry open formally closed markets, such as rice, to remove informal barriers that discriminate against foreign companies and products, to stimulate the faltering Japanese economy with a big tax cut to encourage consumer spending and imports, and to rely on numerical targets for increasing imports and narrowing the surplus.

Mr. Hosokawa said he hoped to meet Mr. Clinton soon, either in September at the United Nations or to November at a meeting of Asian nations in Seattle. But his ideas do not appear to be any more to harmony with Washington's than those of his predecessor, Kiichi Miyazawa.

"Currently, because of this very difficult economic situation, we don't think the climate lends itself to tax reduction," Mr. Hosokawa said.

He added that numerical targets on trade questions are "somewhat inappropriate."

"Free trade and free market economic principles are the basis on which we would like to correct the imbalance," Mr. Hosokawa said.

His new positions hewed much closer to the policies that have been articulated by Japan's powerful bureaucrats than his campaign pledges, a sign that for all his reformist credentials Mr. Hosokawa will be pragmatic.

The best example of this shift was his attitude toward those suffering from what is called Minamata disease. Hundreds of people from Mr. Hosokawa's native prefecture of Kumamoto have suffered painful long-term disorders and birth defects because of industrial poisoning of the waters at Minamata Bay, in southwestern Japan. Their plight was illustrated by a series of now-famous photographs taken by W. Eugene Smith in the 1960s.

The chemical company involved has agreed to provide compensation to those afflicted, but the central government has sternly refused to approve the deal. As governor of Kumamoto, Mr. Hosokawa fought the government. He said Tuesday, however, that he would follow the old policy.

"Feeling is unchanged, but my position has changed," he said. "The fact is that I am placed at a rather difficult position."



A hijacked Air China Boeing 767 on the tarmac at Taipei's international airport. It was the third Chinese plane hijacked since April.

# Hijackings Reveal China's Airport Laxity

**BEIJING** — A string of hijackings that has forced three Chinese jets to Taiwan since April has embarrassed Beijing by revealing surprisingly lax security at China's overburdened airports.

"There are plenty of holes," said an aviation analyst at a Western embassy in Beijing. "After each hijack scare we check to see if attitudes or practices have changed. Invariably they haven't."

The latest incident occurred Tuesday, when an Air China Boeing 767 was hijacked during a flight from Beijing to Jakarta and flown to Taiwan. The plane, with 137 passengers, landed safely at Taipei's international airport. It was then flown to the Chinese coastal city of Xiamen before returning its trip.

The hijacker, identified as Shi Yuebo, a wool vendor from Hebei Province, caused the plane to change course by threatening passengers with a bottle of acid. He was arrested and will face trial, officials in Taiwan said.

In April, two Chinese men hijacked a China Southern Airlines Boeing 757 with 200 people

aboard to Taipei and asked for political asylum. In June, a Chinese man hijacked a Xiamen Airlines Boeing 737 carrying 76 people on a domestic flight. Taipei returned the planes, crews and passengers to China. The hijackers face trial in Taiwan.

Diplomats and aviation analysts say the rash of hijackings shows that security precautions have failed to keep pace with the explosive growth of Chinese air travel.

While Beijing has plans to expand airports, build new runways and revamp terminal facilities, the surging demand for air travel brought about by China's fast economic growth has overwhelmed security officials, they said.

"The situation is growing more and more complicated," a spokesman for the Civil Aviation Administration of China, the country's top air traffic authority, said by telephone. "We must buy more equipment, increase personnel, and strictly enforce our security procedures."

Airport security precautions in China are aimed primarily at double-checking passenger identity papers rather than seeing what they might be carrying, diplomats said.

At Beijing's Capital Airport, the country's main gateway for air travel, passenger documents are checked twice by uniformed guards while baggage is given a cursory examination by an X-ray device that sometimes breaks down.

Flights arrive and depart from outer terminal buildings with no independent security checks. Passengers on major trunk flights may have passed only through even more relaxed safety checks in provincial airports.

"It would be easy for someone to hand over a weapon, a bomb, drugs, whatever," the Western aviation expert said.

"Many things could get through here which would be discovered in Western airports."

Until recently, Chinese air crews were believed to be under orders to block hijackings at any cost, which may have caused accidents as pilots crews fought to subdue hijackers in mid-air.

Beijing now says it puts the safety of passengers first and will not try to stop hijackings in progress.

# Meir Gruenberg Dies, Jewish Scholar

**Meir Gruenberg**, 83, a rabbi, scholar and dean who was credited with helping save more than 2,000 Jews from the Nazis, died of a heart attack Aug. 7 in Fleischmanns, New York.

Mr. Gruenberg was known for his discourses on the Torah and Talmudic law. He led the Poale Agudath Israel congregation in Brooklyn and served 28 years as the rabbi at the Young Israel of University Heights in the Bronx and as the dean of the Rabbinical Chaim Yosef Rabbinical Seminary in Brooklyn.

He was a leader of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, an organization of 500 Orthodox rabbis and deans. He served as associate chief

justice of its Rabbinical Court, which decides divorces, business disputes and other cases covered by religious law. He was also a member of the executive board of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America and Canada.

Born in Hungary, Mr. Gruenberg grew up in Kayzmark, Slovakia, where he succeeded his father and grandfather as the chief rabbi. Before the war he was the chief rabbi in Liptovsky Mikulas, near the Polish border.

He helped to save more than 2,000 Jews, most of them from the Galicia section of Poland, by finding slave-labor jobs for many of them in the local leather tanneries in Mikulas and by concealing others in secret bunkers at his home and at the synagogue. From the fall of 1944 to the spring of 1945, when the Nazis were defeated, he and some 3,000 others escaped the ravages of persecution and war by hiding in the Moshitzer Woods.

**Louis Sheaffer, 80, Biographer of O'Neill**

**NEW YORK (NYT)** — Louis Sheaffer, 80, a biographer of the playwright Eugene O'Neill, died of heart failure early Saturday in Brooklyn.

He won the Pulitzer Prize in biography in 1974 for "O'Neill, Son and Artist," which came out in 1973 as the second of two volumes, on which he had worked for 16 years.

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Bosnia Policy Is a Farce

One at least understands the Europeans. They are accustomed to thinking of the Balkans as ungovernable, and they hinge their policy to low expectations of what measure of justice and sovereignty might still be saved for Bosnia.

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Four Americans died in Somalia on Sunday — the first U.S. combat deaths since the United Nations took command of peacekeeping operations there in May.

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As the United Nations expands its missions to make and keep the peace, it increasingly finds itself in places where military force is not enough.

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Nowhere are the aspirations to join the ranks of the middle class greater these days than in Asia.

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Because of the deaths of the four U.S. soldiers in Somalia, American public opinion is certain to express doubts over the role of the nation as a world policeman.

The West Is Capitulating and Owen Should Walk Away

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON — By asking the Bosnians to divide Sarajevo and give the Serbs control over part of the Bosnian capital to get a truce, David Owen has put an end to whatever good he could do for the people of ex-Yugoslavia or the international community.

Russia and America: Shore Up the Fraying Strategic Partnership

By Dimitri Simes

WASHINGTON — There are growing signs of estrangement between the United States and Russia. As Russia is preoccupied at home and has no resources for global rivalry, chances for a resumption of the Cold War are zero.

Europe and Japan Can Get the Engines Humming

By C. Fred Bergsten

This is the second of two articles.

Good Work in Progress in Somalia

By Madeleine K. Albright

The writer is the U.S. permanent representative at the United Nations.

NEW YORK — With the killing of four U.S. servicemen in Somalia on Sunday, more Americans may ask why we should care about the United Nations effort to restore that failed state.

realizing it, he has become the personification of the West's broad diplomatic failure and moral surrender in Bosnia. Just as Neville Chamberlain gave a face to the concept of appeasement in an earlier generation, Lord Owen will be the person we remember when we think of the West's betrayal of Bosnia.

whose views, while not as much in tune with American policy, do not fundamentally collide. The neglect of Vice President Alexander Rutskoi has become a self-fulfilling prophecy encouraging him to suspect the United States of dark designs.

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# Slain American Was a CIA Operative

By Steven A. Holmes  
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — An American who was shot and killed Sunday night in the Caucasus near Tbilisi, Georgia, has been identified by senior U.S. officials as an operative of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The victim, Fred Woodruff, 43, originally from Stillwater, Oklahoma, was shot in the head while riding in a car with Eldar Gugusladze, the security chief for Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the head of the former Soviet republic.

Mr. Gugusladze was not wounded.

Washington officials said that Mr. Woodruff was one of several people in the U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi who had been identified to the Georgian government as working for the CIA.

He arrived in Georgia in June, State Department officials said, and was due to return to the United States soon.

The shot that killed Mr. Woodruff was fired from inside the car in which he was riding, Agency Franco-Press reported from Tbilisi, quoting sources close to forensic experts investigating the slaying.

Initial reports from the Georgian Embassy in Moscow indicated that Mr. Woodruff had died when armed men ambushed the vehicle and raked it with gunfire on the outskirts of Tbilisi. But the forensic sources said Tuesday that he died of a bullet through the skull that had been fired from close range inside the vehicle.

A senior official in the Georgian Interior Ministry said in private

that there were no bullet holes in the car.

[The official added that Mr. Gugusladze was "in a state of drunkenness" on his arrival in Tbilisi after the slaying of the American and added that the security chief was "known for his excesses when drunk."

Spokesmen for the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency declined to confirm that Mr. Woodruff had worked for the spy service. High officials said he did but stressed that he had not been spying on Georgians. He was on an assignment to train Mr. Shevardnadze's security forces, they said.

Mr. Woodruff was listed officially as a State Department Foreign Service officer. But it is common

for CIA officers working abroad to be concealed under other positions.

The Georgian Embassy in Moscow said that Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Gugusladze were returning from sightseeing in a town near the Russian border that has spectacular vistas of Mount Kazbek.

The director of central intelligence, R. James Woolsey Jr., arrived in Moscow on Saturday for meetings with Russian officials, and he went to Tbilisi on Tuesday to retrieve Mr. Woodruff's body. This was an unusual step, a tacit acknowledgment by the CIA that Mr. Woodruff was one of its own.

During his brief visit, Mr. Woolsey met with Mr. Shevardnadze before leaving for the United States by special plane with the body of Mr. Woodruff.

# Somali Clan Is Key to U.S. Pullout

By Michael R. Gordon  
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The United States will not be able to withdraw its troops from Somalia as long as General Mohamed Farah Aidid's clan remains a disruptive political and military force there, senior U.S. officials said.

The assessment was made after four American soldiers were killed in Somalia on Sunday, and it reflected the gradual expansion of Washington's original mission from a short-term relief operation to a longer effort to bring stability to the country.

Adding to the sense of frustration, U.S. officials said that the four soldiers who died Sunday were killed by a remote-controlled bomb, not a mine as originally thought. The difference is significant because the soldiers were not victims of random violence but were, in effect, killed in a deliberate ambush by hostile Somalis.

Admiral Jonathan Howe, the UN special envoy in Somalia, said by phone that "circumstantial evidence" suggests that General Aidid was behind the attack.

"There is no doubt in my mind that this is Aidid," Admiral Howe said. "He is the only person that is fighting the UN. He has made threats to do just this kind of thing."

The UN envoy said that while

the attack was part of a "terrorist" offensive launched by General Aidid against the UN peacekeeping force. It was not yet clear whether the Somalis knew that they were attacking Americans.

Since U.S. troops were rushed to the Horn of Africa in December, there has been a slow but steady expansion of the American mission there.

President George Bush originally ordered U.S. troops to Somalia to make sure that food and aid were delivered to Somalis who had survived a devastating civil war and who were suffering from the famine that followed. But United States said it hoped to withdraw its forces after several months and to turn over the peacekeeping mission to a UN force.

But withdrawing has proved difficult. While the U.S. military presence has been reduced from 25,000 to about 4,000, UN members have been reluctant to contribute troops without American logistical support and, more important, U.S. firepower on the ground.

Still, the Pentagon has been pushing for a review of Somalia policy, with an eye toward determining the "exit conditions" for phasing out the American troops, when the latest attack occurred.

After the attack, Samuel R. Berger, the deputy national security

adviser, asked that the review be expedited.

A senior official familiar with the review said no final decision about the conditions for withdrawing the force has been made, but he suggested that the basic parameters were becoming clear.

He and other officials argued that while famine was no longer a major problem, the security in the country was so fragile that any substantial U.S. withdrawal now could lead to the collapse of the rebuilding effort in Somalia and a disruption of food deliveries, making hunger again a problem.

The official said a U.S. military force would be needed until the United Nations had succeeded in establishing a "minimal level of security."

The official said it was clear that an adequate level of security did not currently exist, and he suggested that the stability of Somalia would be in jeopardy until General Aidid's clan was no longer a decisive political and military factor in Somalia.

The official said that the general's capture need not be a necessary condition for withdrawing the Americans. Nor, he argued, did the United States need to keep troops in Somalia until a new government is established, an effort that could take years.

# ROCKET: Lighter Launcher

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funds materialize, engineers would embark on a full-scale, 128-foot, 640-ton craft that could loft payloads up to 10 tons into orbit, possibly as soon as 1998. Its advocates say it would usher in a new era in which space travel would finally, after decades of frustrated dreaming, become cheap, regular and reliable.

"It's the next step," said Steven J. Hooser, executive director of the Space Transportation Association, a trade group in Arlington, Virginia.

Skeptics say such promises have been made before and turned out to be mostly empty, notably with the space shuttle. It could take many years and many failed experiments, they caution, before lightweight materials are successfully adapted to withstand the punishing heats, vibrations and stresses experienced by a speeding rocket. And technical success would be no guarantee of low-cost operations, they argue.

Even so, architects of the vehicle seem ecstatic, saying it is the most innovative space effort to be undertaken in decades. Paul L. Klevatt, program manager for the craft at McDonnell Douglas, said by phone from New Mexico that his team was talking to ready the vehicle amid growing tension.



A resident of Hull, Illinois, north of St. Louis along the Mississippi River, helping his parents clean up their flood-damaged home.

# FLOOD: 'The Worst Is Past,' but Huge Cleanup Brings Its Own Anguish

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St. Charles, Missouri, a town just northwest of St. Louis, as he hosed a pile of muddy debris back into the receding Missouri River.

A month ago, satellite pictures found so much water covering the Midwest that the region resembled a sixth Great Lake. The latest pictures indicate that lake is steadily shrinking, particularly in the upper reaches of the disaster region where the system indubitably is drying out, but people need to stay on their toes, said Jim Brown, a spokesman for the Corps of Engineers. "We're dealing with what probably is the worst flood man has ever witnessed in this country, certainly the Midwest. Some levees could collapse even as the waters recede."

And what of the damage to the huge, \$25 billion system of reservoirs and levees designed to control such flooding by the nation's rivers? While no estimates are in yet, the damage is clearly huge and the failure of the system indisputable. This failure has renewed a long-running dispute between environmentalists and levee builders about the wisdom of trying to rein in nature and build on floodplains.

More than 800 of the 1,400 levees in the nine-state disaster region were topped or breached. Most of them were built by towns, cities, counties and farmers, but more than 30 levees put up by the U.S. Corps of Engineers also failed, and several reservoirs built by the corps proved too small to hold the run-off from six weeks of unseasonal rain.

"The water's been where it's never been before," said Barb Margherio, whose house in Hardin, Illinois, went under when the Illinois, Missouri and Mississippi combined record crests the first couple of days of this month.

Flood experts agree with her. Some call the great inundation of 1993 a "500-year flood," meaning that statistically over the centuries one of its magnitude should hit only once in every 500 years, though, of course, there is no guarantee that a similar or even worse flood will not occur again next spring.

This has been the kind of flood that at its absolute worst, when it was cresting in St. Louis, was sending 7.5 million gallons (28 million liters) of water past the Gateway Arch every second, six times the normal summer flow. Every 24 hours, enough topsoil slipped by that coffee-brown tannin to cover five 1,000-acre (400-hectare) farms a foot deep.

But now, all over St. Louis—and places like Marshall, Minnesota, and Manhattan, Kansas, and Des Moines, Iowa — the great cleanup from the great inundation has begun.

It is work with its own trauma, hard on the body, hard on the nose, hard on the pocketbook and, worst of all, hard on the mind and soul.

"God, I just hate it," Rachel Carlson lamented as she mucked out her basement in St. Charles, heaving up what looked through a layer of dyer goo to be a table leaf. "We worked so hard to have a nice place. Now it's like a sewer. Oh, Lord, how I hate it."

Then, somehow managing a mud-spattered smile, she bent back to her task, this time retrieving what looked to be a crushed picture frame.

Try as he might, "Old Man River, another name for the Mississippi, never managed in this summer of drowning human creations to drown the human spirit. The cleanup is under way with a vengeance.

Work crews are moving in determinedly behind the receding waters, sometimes hastening them along toward drains with huge brooms. The crews are hauling off soggy sandbags, sweeping down streets and gathering up tree trunks, oil drums and other wretched refuse, including the occasional gar or catfish hung up in a fence turned gilt net.

Across the Dakotas and into Wisconsin, then down through Nebraska and Illinois and to Missouri, fields that once resembled small lakes are beginning to dry out, and farmers are itching to start fall plowing.

In many cases, their summer crops are a total loss, either to river flooding or to heavy rain. The Midwest's farmers are probably the hardest hit victims of the flood of '93, by some estimates suffering close to \$3 billion of the overall \$12 billion in damage.

But their perennial optimism survives.

For Joe O'Day, whose 700 acres of beans and corn were wiped out when a levee near St. Joseph, Missouri, collapsed, "Being out there in the field is what makes me happy."

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Tuesday's Closing  
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80.00	75.00	Apple	0.00	0.0	10.0	80.00	75.00	78.00	+3.00
150.00	145.00	Oracle	0.00	0.0	12.0	150.00	145.00	148.00	+3.00
200.00	195.00	Sun	0.00	0.0	15.0	200.00	195.00	198.00	+3.00
180.00	175.00	Lucent	0.00	0.0	12.0	180.00	175.00	178.00	+3.00
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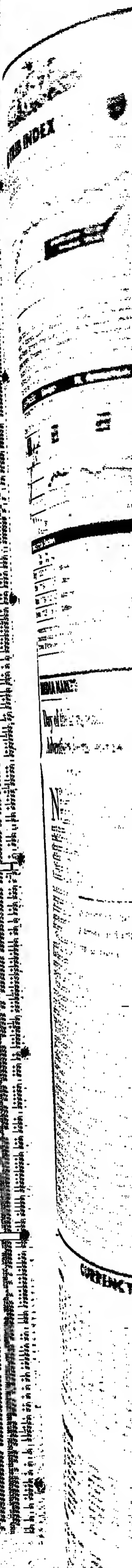
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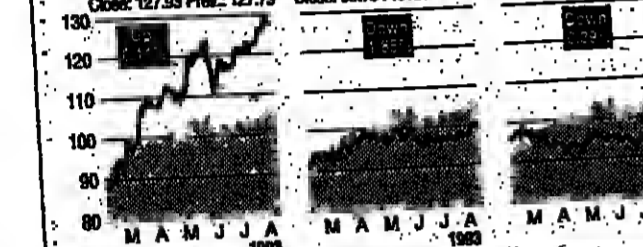


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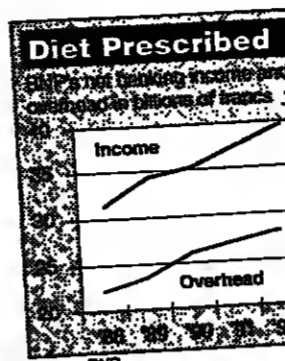
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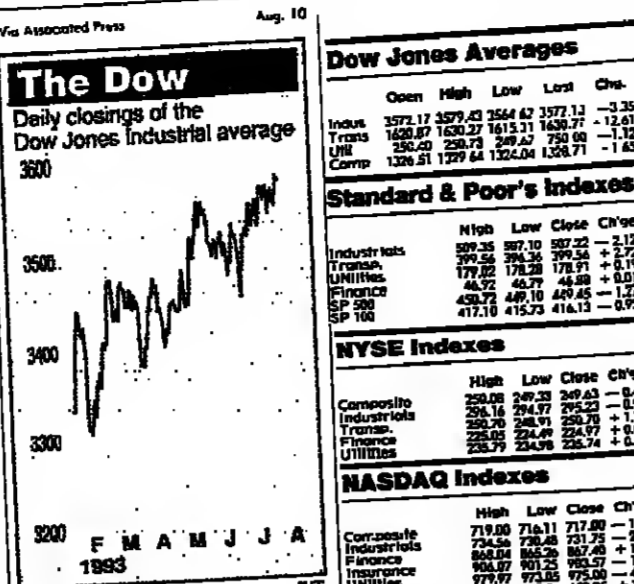
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AMERICAN AIRLINES WINS SUIT

GALVESTON, TEXAS (AP) — A U.S. court jury found Tuesday that American Airlines did not intentionally damage Continental and Northwest airlines last summer with slashed fares.

P&G Loss Is Laid to Restructuring

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Procter & Gamble Co., citing restructuring costs and accounting changes, reported Tuesday a \$1.2 billion loss for its fourth quarter, ended June 30, compared with a profit of \$339 million in the same period a year ago.

Disposals Lead to Shortfall at Tandy

FORT WORTH, TEXAS (AP) — Tandy Corp., the largest U.S. electronics retailer, said Tuesday it had a loss of \$77.3 million in the second quarter, including \$109 million in the same period a year ago.

Wal-Mart Up and The Limited Down

NEW YORK (UPI) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the largest U.S. retailer, reported Tuesday that its second-quarter net income had jumped 18 percent, but the specialty retailer The Limited Inc. said its latest income declined 13 percent.

Saturn Recall Targets Fire Hazard

DETROIT (Bloomberg) — The Saturn division of General Motors Corp. has begun a voluntary recall of all 357,767 cars built before April to prevent possible fires under the hood, the division said Tuesday.

FDIC Fund Exhibits Healthy Gain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Record U.S. bank profits have allowed the fund that insures deposits to build up to \$6.8 billion and repay the last \$1 billion borrowed from taxpayers.

For the Record

Lee Iacocca, the former Chrysler Corp. chairman, plans to sell half his stock in the automaker and stands to make more than \$50 million, he said Tuesday.

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GERMANY: Rexrodt Sees 1993 Rebound but Economists Are Doubtful

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# Dresdner Is Upbeat About '93 Profit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches  
**LEIPZIG** — Dresdner Bank AG reported Tuesday a 14 percent rise in operating profit in the first half and projected "satisfactory" results for the full year.

Dresdner said that group operating profit for the first six months of the year climbed 13.9 percent, to 936.1 million Deutsche marks (\$550.6 million), from 822.1 million DM a year earlier.

Profit on financial operations surged 171 percent to 381.9 million DM, especially as a result of "soaring demand for mark-dominated domestic and Eurobonds," the bank said. This helped lift earnings in Dresdner's securities-trading operations, the company said.

Jürgen Sarrazin, the bank's chairman, said at a news conference that profit for the full year would be above year-earlier levels, and added he hoped profit growth would be in the double digits.

"We've seen very pleasing signals," said Mr. Sarrazin. Although the bank's credit business is likely to grow modestly this year, income from provisions and own-account trading will continue to boost earnings, he said.

He refused to give a dividend forecast, but said "we will remain shareholder-friendly."

The banking group also said provisions rose 25.2 percent to 758.2 million DM. Mr. Sarrazin said 91 percent of the loan-loss provision the bank took in the first half was attributable to domestic business.

He said taking provisions for risk was "nothing new," adding "it's always been calculated realistically on a month-by-month basis."

(Bloomberg, AFP)

# Virgin Says Maybe, But Not This Sunday

Agence France-Press  
**PARIS** — Virgin Megastore, which has been flouting a French law that mandates Sunday closure, announced Tuesday that it would not open its flagship Champs-Élysées store on Sunday.

The store said the action would allow authorities time to consider Virgin's appeal against the ban. The National Assembly will debate the 1906 law when it reconvenes.

Virgin defied the French authorities in July after permission to open on Sundays on a trial basis was withdrawn.

The store was taken to court by two of France's leading unions, and a fine of 1 million francs (\$168,000) was levied if the practice continued. This figure is roughly equal to the store's income on a Sunday. With Paris almost empty in August, some believe Virgin's decision was taken on commercial grounds.

The store, on a prime tourist site, offers books, tapes and records. Virgin also has three shops outside of Paris.

Virgin's chief executive, Richard Branson, has warned that he will freeze plans to open another 26 stores if he loses the battle over Sundays. About 5.5 million people work on Sundays in France in transportation, hospitals, factories, bakeries and restaurants.

# PepsiCo Announces \$500 Million Plan To Invest in Poland

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches  
**WARSAW** — PepsiCo Inc. said Tuesday it planned to invest \$500 million in its snack, beverage and restaurant businesses in Poland by 1998.

PepsiCo said the spending program would make it the largest foreign investor in consumer products in Poland. Its rival Coca-Cola Co. outlined plans in June to invest \$300 million.

Wayne Calloway, PepsiCo's chairman and chief executive officer, said the investments would create 9,000 jobs in new plants, warehouses and restaurants and in distribution and marketing operations. PepsiCo now employs about 3,000 people in Poland, a spokeswoman, Elaine Franklin, said.

Mr. Calloway announced the investment plan while opening a 1,800 square meter restaurant in Warsaw offering fare from the company's three fast-food operations: Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

He said a bottling plant and a factory for potato chips and salty snack foods would be opened soon in Grodzisk Mazowiecki.

"It seems like a lot of money for an Eastern bloc nation," Barry Ziegler, an analyst at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc., said of the investment plan. "But in that region, Poland has the best potential to develop a market for U.S. goods. I'm sure Pepsi feels they have a unique opportunity here."

Poland's largest foreign investor is Fiat SpA. The Italian carmaker has invested \$180 million and plans to put as much as \$2 billion into the country.

PepsiCo has been active in Poland since it opened a franchised bottling plant in Krakow in 1972. In 1991, the company paid \$25 million for a 40 percent share of Poland's leading chocolate manufacturer, E. Wedel SA.

PepsiCo said it planned to increase that stake to 70 percent by 1994 and to use its investment in Wedel to raise the quality of its products and expand production.

The company said it expected its annual sales in Poland to exceed \$600 million by 2000.

(AP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

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# Veba Net Fell in First Half

AFP-Excl News  
**DUSSELDORF** — Veba AG, the German energy and chemicals company, said its net profit had fallen in the first half to 316 million Deutsche marks (\$186 million), down 13.2 percent from a year ago.

The company said the decline was in line with a trend already under way in the first quarter of 1993, when net profit had fallen 13 percent.

Sales in the first half were little

# German Unions Say Never

Reuters  
**BONN** — German unions and some management groups are joining in opposition to a change in the law that would allow shops to remain open in the evenings and for most of the weekend.

"We have absolutely no problems with the current shop-closing laws," said Holger Wenzel, secretary of the Union of German Retailers. The deputy chairman of the German Union of Employees, Hubert Gartz, said longer shop hours would create more jobs, but merely place a burden on workers.

The lack of open shops has frustrated tourists, and Peter Hintze, general secretary of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats, said the law belonged "in the junk room of out-of-date rules."

Germany has shorter working hours and more paid holidays than any other state in the European Community. Shops in Germany are always closed on Sundays, and on three out of four Saturdays they close at 2 P.M.

# Legal Hurdles Delay Linkup Of GPA to GE

Reuters  
**DUBLIN** — Legal complexities have delayed the final signing of a deal between General Electric Co. of the United States and GPA Group PLC, the debt-stricken Irish aircraft-leasing firm. Maurice Foley, GPA's deputy chairman, said Tuesday.

"The documentation is incredibly detailed," he said. "It has taken longer than anyone thought it would. It is not in difficulty. It takes time."

He added that General Electric and other parties are continuing to work cooperatively and GPA continues to meet all its obligations. He said that GPA even had "some better cash flow than anticipated" when the transaction was announced.

General Electric Capital Corp. agreed in May to buy 45 aircraft from GPA for \$1.35 billion, gaining the right to buy 65 to 80 percent of GPA shares over four years.

But bringing the international operations of the two banks together will be a difficult and lengthy process, analysts say.

# Very briefly:

- Fokker NV reported a first-half net loss of 127 million guilders (\$66 million), after a 26.3 million guilders net profit a year earlier.
  - Lloyd's of London said on it had support of members to break with tradition and allow outside corporate investment, starting next year.
  - Saatchi & Saatchi PLC said its pretax profit quadrupled in the first half ended June 30, to £9.1 million (\$14 million) as a result of a one-time gain after the company took a one-time charge in the previous year.
  - SE Banken of Sweden said it had sold part of its 5.4 percent stake in the insurance concern Forskrings AB Skandia.
  - The EC Commission said it had cleared the purchase by Germany's Commerzbank AG of the French financial-services company Caisse Centrale de Reassurance.
  - Ceska Pojistovna, a Czech insurance company, paid shareholders in the nation's first voucher-share fund 15,000 koruna (\$503) for the 20 shares they bought last year for 1,000 koruna.
  - Sweden's industrial production rose 1.7 percent in May on a seasonally adjusted basis, compared with a 0.9 percent increase in April; when compared with May 1992, industrial production was up 0.3 percent.
- (Knight-Ridder, Reuters, AP, Bloomberg, AFP)

# Banesto Rights Are Taken Up

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches  
**MADRID** — Banco Español de Crédito-Banesto SA said Tuesday that both tranches of its 1-for-3 rights issue had been 100 percent taken up.

The offer, officially open until Friday, has raised 94.9 billion pesetas (\$677.7 million), Banesto Chairman Mario Conde said. The offering gave shareholders the right to buy one share for every three shares owned.

The offering is part of Banesto's 130 billion peseta capital-increase plan, the biggest in Spanish banking history. The third part of the plan, a convertible five-year bond sale, will start in September.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

# BNP: New Chief Aims to Slim Company Before Its Privatization but Avoid 'Brutal' Layoffs

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 customers, including almost all of France's largest companies.

The bank is active in life insurance, leasing and factoring, securities, real-estate development, investment banking and asset management, and it owns around 16 billion francs' worth of stock in major French companies — including 20 percent of Union des Assurances de Paris, the insurance concern likely to be privatized next year.

According to industry sources familiar with Mr. Péberem's thinking, he aims to concentrate resources on strengthening both domestic retail and international wholesale banking operations. His strategy means that BNP can no longer be all things to all people.

He plans to reorganize the bank's 1,900-branch network — especially in unprofitable rural areas — along "market segment" lines. Each branch would be analyzed in terms of its clients' needs and then specialized to meet those needs. A branch might be required to abandon some services that could be offered more profitably by other branches.

The executive also says he will try "to make capitalists" out of the bank's employees, who will be re-served a portion of BNP's shares in the privatization. Mr. Péberem says he believes the staffers are not really aware of how their personal performances relate to the bottom line.

To transform this goal into action, Mr. Péberem plans to implement an accounting system in 1994 that will make profit centers out of numerous business activities that have been part of larger operations.

But BNP has one of the highest ratios of costs to income among major banks in Europe, and analysts say it will not be easy to bring that ratio down.

"BNP has done a lot of work over the last two years to bring down costs, but the second layer of fat is always the hardest to get rid of," said Robert Grant, banking analyst with UBS Ltd. in London. That second layer is made up of thousands of employees who he says are not needed but whose dismissals could be "political dynamite."

Sources say Mr. Péberem plans to avoid "brutal" layoffs and instead will seek to reduce the payroll through an early-retirement program, being launched this year, and attrition. He also plans to squeeze other costs by pressuring outside suppliers to do more for less.

Looking beyond France, Mr. Péberem expects to work with Dresdner Bank to develop a joint global wholesale-banking presence. BNP and Dresdner, the second-largest German bank, signed a cooperation agreement this spring after several years of discussion, and the accord is awaiting a green light from the EC Commission. As part of the deal, Dresdner is to take 10 percent of BNP's stock during its privatization, while BNP acquires 10 percent of Dresdner.

A task force has been working on ways the French and German banks might work together, and its conclusions are due by mid-1994. The accord calls for the two banks to stay out of each other's national markets and to join forces in third countries.

Analysts say Dresdner could help pave the way for BNP in Eastern Europe, while BNP could provide similar inroads for Dresdner in Asia.

But bringing the international operations of the two banks together will be a difficult and lengthy process, analysts say.

# NASDAQ

Trading in Prices  
 NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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80	70	Sun	0.00	0.0	10	1.0	80	70	75	+5
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# SPORTS BASEBALL

## Cards Gain As Pirates Succumb To Rookie

*The Associated Press*  
Every so often, a rookie pitcher comes along who can make a difference in a pennant race.

It happened in 1964 for the New York Yankees with Mel Stottlemyre, and in 1980 when the Philadelphia Phillies brought up Marty Bystrom late in the year.

For the St. Louis Cardinals, it's Allen Watson. He pitched three-hit

### NL ROUNDUP

ball for seven innings Monday night as the Cardinals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-3 at Three Rivers Stadium.

Watson, called up July 7 from the Cardinals' Triple-A Louisville farm club, was increasingly effective after allowing solo runs in the first two innings.

"That must be the New York coming out in him," Manager Joe Torre said of Watson, who is from Queens. "I like the way he goes about it. He gets mad at himself. It's not like he's feeling his way through."

Pagnozzi and Bernard Gilkey homered. Todd Zeile had a tie-breaking two-run single in the fifth and Luis Alicata added a two-run double as the second-place Cardinals moved within six games of the Philadelphia in the NL East.

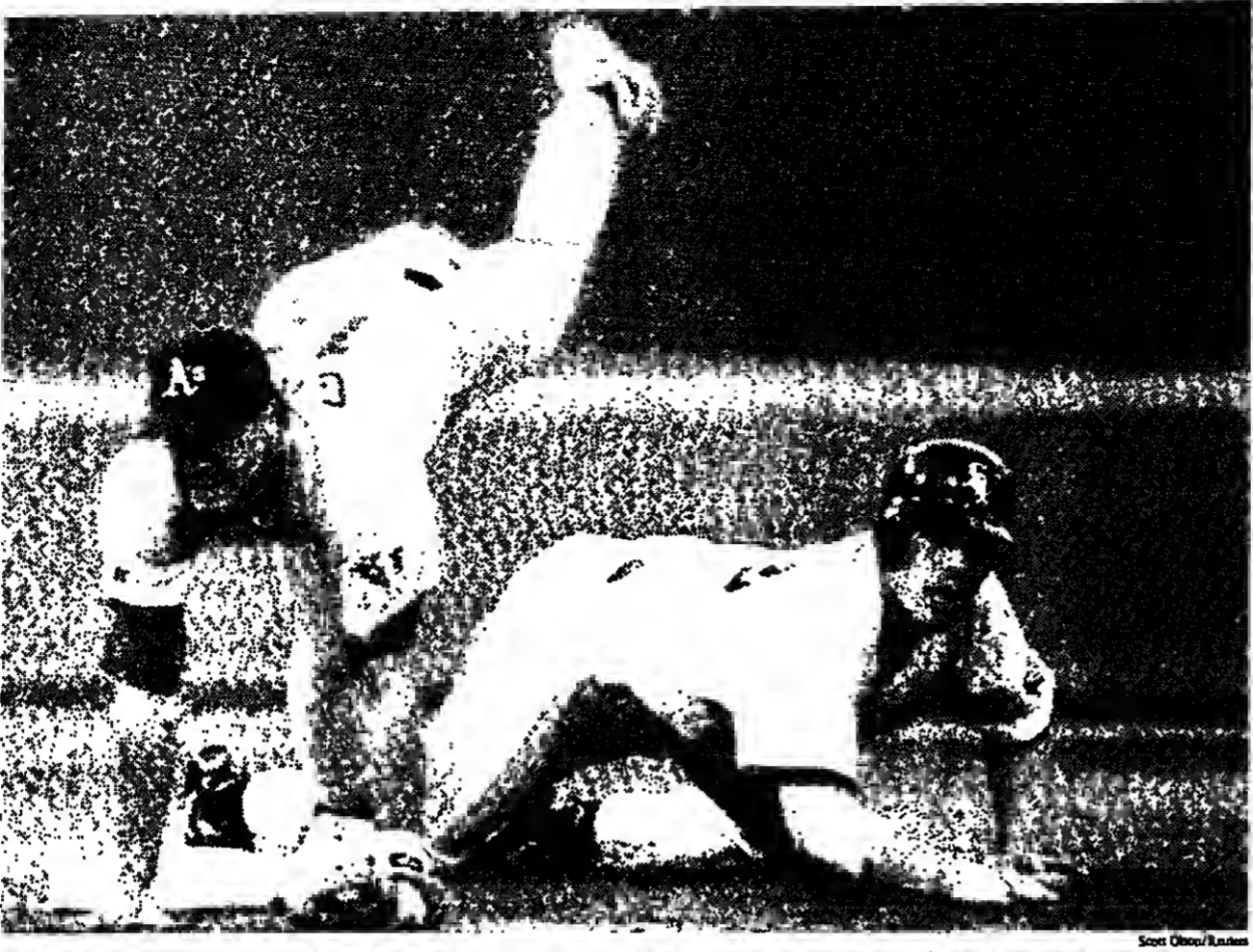
Watson won his fourth straight start, allowing just one hit in his final six innings.

**Giants 10, Reds 7:** Kirt Manwaring hit a two-run homer and Will Clark had a two-run triple in a four-run sixth inning as San Francisco rallied to beat Cincinnati at Candlestick Park. The first-place Giants opened a nine-game lead over Atlanta in the NL West.

Clark finished with three hits and three RBIs while Manwaring went 2-for-4 with three RBIs. The Giants survived two homers by Hal Morris and one by Kevin Mitchell.

Dave Burba has won eight straight decisions, including six in relief. Rod Beck worked the ninth for his 34th save.

**Martins 3, Cubs 2:** Walt Weiss's run-scoring single snapped a seven-inning tie to lift Florida over Chicago at Joe Robbie Stadium. Benito Santiago started the in-



Chicago's Robin Ventura tripped up Brent Gates of the A's, but Gates still turned the double play for Oakland. The White Sox won, 5-4.

ning with a double off starter Frank Castillo.

**Astros 5, Padres 4:** Houston won its third straight game as pinch-hitter Luis Gonzalez's safety squeeze bunt with one out in the 10th inning scored Eric Anthony with the go-ahead run against Trevor Hoffman at San Diego.

Xavier Hernandez was the winner despite giving up a tying homer in the eighth to Phil Plantier.

**Rockies 3, Dodgers 2:** Vinny Castilla's sacrifice fly in the 11th inning lifted Colorado over Los Angeles at Dodger Stadium.

Reliever Steve Reed got the victory with two scoreless innings as the Rockies won their second in a row after 13 straight losses.

### Club Owners' Meeting

*Murray Chass of The New York Times reported:*

Major league club owners met Wednesday in Kohler, Wisconsin, a city noted for the manufacture of slacks and toilets and bathtubs. Will it be the city where baseball goes down the drain?

That would depend on one's point of view, of course.

If the owners, for example, fail to reach agreement on a plan to increase the amount of revenue they share, the players wouldn't have to be bothered by the owners then coming to them demanding a cap on their salaries, which they won't accept anyway.

If the owners fail to reach agreement on a plan to increase the amount of revenue they share, it would leave their side in a quandary as to how to proceed. They also would leave Richard Ravitch, their chief labor executive, in such a dilemma that he likely would resign.

If the owners reach agreement on a plan to increase the amount of revenue they share, some of their own brethren might try to scuttle it by going to court. A rumor is circulating in baseball circles that George Steinbrenner has already drafted papers for a lawsuit he would file against his colleagues if they try to take money out of his deep pockets.

The owners will meet at a resort

near Sheboygan on Wednesday, Thursday and, if needed, Friday. Ravitch had hoped they could meet undetected, preserving the secrecy that has shrouded the entire revenue-sharing matter.

"There's an extraordinarily strict confidentiality agreement that governs revenue sharing," one club executive said. The agreement, the executive added, includes a provision for disciplinary action against anyone who violates it, specifying a fine and also saying that anyone breaching the agreement would be subject to sanctions provided in the Major League Agreement.

But the agreement is so strict the executive wouldn't say how much the fine would be, and some others who were asked wouldn't even acknowledge that the provision exists. But one person said the magic number was \$100,000.

Ravitch, citing the confidentiality agreement, declined to discuss specifics of his revenue-sharing proposals.

After sending a series of plans to the owners for their study and dis-

ussion, then digesting their comments, Ravitch recently sent out a proposal that is designed to serve as the starting point for debate in Kohler. Details of the plan have remained secret, but one fearless soul offered what was said to be a general outline.

"It all depends on what salary cap is ultimately agreed to by the union," the informant said. "The higher the salary cap, the higher a percentage of local revenue will be needed; the lower the cap, the lower a percentage is needed."

Whatever plan finally is put on the table for adoption, it will need 21 of 28 votes to pass. If it passes, Ravitch next would make a proposal to the union calling for a salary cap. The players would reject it, then decide if they should strike next month to pre-empt the owners from imposing crippling rules changes next winter. (Some owners are said to be prepared to vote for a plan, knowing that the players would kill it by refusing a salary cap.)

If the owners vote down any plan, the prevailing view is that Ravitch would resign. He has spent more than a year trying to persuade the owners they need to increase their revenue sharing to save the game, and if they were to repudiate him, he not only would have no proposal to take to the players, but also would have no strength with which to deal with them.

According to a view on the labor side, Ravitch may try to convince the owners to adopt a plan by telling them if they don't, he would have to resign and that would play right into the union's hands.

Ravitch would not talk about his strategy or his future, saying only that he would like to see the owners approve a plan.

"I want to steer it to a conclusion, not a specific conclusion," he said. "It's not for me to tell the owners how much money they should commit. It's up to me to explain all the alternatives."

## A Stargazer's Summer Delight

*International Herald Tribune*  
**PADSTOW, Cornwall** — We are all stargazers at heart. There is a chance I shall wait up for the meteor storm predicted over northern skies in Europe, and visible off America's East Coast, at about 0100 GMT on Thursday.

Alternatively, I might sleep easy knowing I have seen the summer's shooting star. He moves like lightning, he runs where instinct



**Rob Hughes**

takes him, and at 5 feet, 6 inches (1.67 meters) he is distinctly an earth-bound creature.

Julian Joachim is the name. English by birth, he has Caribbean bloodlines similar to those of the Olympic sprinter Linford Christie, and the same starting base as Gary Lineker.

The diminutive Joachim precludes any necessity for spectators to wear neck braces — the old joke concerning England's aerial play.

Joachim is high on other values, as he showed when inspiring England to become Europe's new Under-18 champion. He led from the front, scurrying here and there, forever wanting the ball and for the most part knowing what to do with it.

A goal against the Netherlands summed him up. With the poacher's sixth sense, he darted behind his marker. The run was short, sharp, and timed to perfection.

He watched the ball drop over the defender. And, as if by magic, he looped that ball over the opponent's shoulder. Then, turning in half the space of the Dutch teenager, Joachim sweetly volleyed left-footed, a low shot into the net from 12 yards.

It combined such imagination, technique and flow one would not have been surprised had it come from a Brazilian. Joachim is anything but. He is the latest small package of flair and intensity to prove soccer is at its best a game beholden neither to culture nor system.

Fast blood appears to be the one thing his father gave him. Julian Joachim never knew his dad, and has not yet felt the warmth of a West Indian sun. Nor is he a ghetto child, although his mother struggled financially to raise him in the flatlands of Lincolnshire.

FROM HER HE inherits perseverance and single-mindedness. With the loneliness of an only child — and a black child in a white neighborhood — he grew to regard the ball as a friend that would do most things he asked.

He clearly loves that ball as if it were kin. This, believe me, is not a common English trait. Coaching gurus seldom look for it, preferring to select kids who can lump the ball forward and, even at the school level, harness and muscle the opposition into submission.

Leicester City, having nurtured Lineker, is an exception. Too short of money and too shy of ambition to be in England's pretentious Premier League, Leicester has patience to let talent mature.

Lineker's goal-scoring, also crafted into searing acceleration, grew gradually at Leicester and was sold when it ripened. At the time, Joachim was a dot on the horizon.

He was 12 when Leicester took him under its wing. The club resisted overtures to send Joachim to the national School of Excellence; it had either blind faith in his ability or a powerful anti-ego.

The club coaches spoke of him almost in whispers. Between themselves, they called him their "little Peté."

Perhaps the news was confirmed because junior coaches know how fickle the growing years can be.

Perhaps those teachers respected a lad's growing space, or feared that lack of height would diminish him. Perhaps the senior coaches, those with access to the media, were too busy buying and selling and passing through as managers of peripheral clubs frequently do.

When Joachim burst through, Leicester's team happened to be managed by Brian Little. The effect was instantaneous.

Joachim scored a heavenly goal in a cup tie 16 months ago. He scorched past two or three startled defenders before chipping the ball from 30 meters over the goalkeeper as if he had a club foot — the club being a golfer's wedge.

He ended last season with 10 goals in 29 first division games. He went to Australia with England's Under-20 team in March, and became the catalyst to a much more attacking Under-18 squad.

On that team, to surprise bordering on disbelief, England surrounded the Leicester rocket with genuine talents mainly from Manchester United, Leeds and Tottenham Hotspur.

They had four things in their favor: home crowds, which grew to 23,381 at the final in Nottingham; good grooming at clubs that put talent before physique; a team manager, Ted Powell, who dared to encourage style outside the FA coaching school, and a center forward ready to take on the world at making or taking goals.

England beat France, 2-0; the Netherlands, 4-1; Spain, 5-1, and Turkey, 1-0, and the lack of goals in the final had much to do with drained bodies and minds. Asking youths to perform four times in eight days is as stupid, as unfair, and even more physically damaging than the World Cup is for grown men.

**NO THANKS** to the administration, Europe '93 produced class competition. The French and Turks displayed as usual touches of fore play and England modified passing that at times perplexed England. But England chased the shadows, and came strong at the finish to win both contests.

The Netherlands, surprisingly for a nation that with much help from its Surinamese cousins provides such exotic individuals, was outclassed.

Spain simply shot itself in the foot. It brought the flair and the spite of Latin soccer. Several of its players betrayed fine skill by foul temper and were foolish in the extreme not to draw back at the first sign of refereeing intolerance.

After three games, Spain amassed 10 yellow cards, two red and had half its team banned from the final day's play. Its team manager was Andrei Gecococenco, the so-called "buncher of Bilbao," whose gruesome back dismantled the ankle of Diego Maradona in his prime. Gecococenco wears the snail of a chairman keeping in a pit franchise the best of the greatest players.

Not only did the attempt to put "backbone" into young players rebound on Spain, it chose the wrong opposition to intimidate. Before the match, Joachim paid a visit to a barber and emerged without his precocious moustache and with a shaven head.

He looked like a miniature (Marvellous) Marvin Hagler. But he was swifter — a shooting star we did not have to lose sleep over.

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## Unsung Catcher Leads Orioles to 8th in a Row

*The Associated Press*  
What is it about catchers? Why do they tug so at the heartstrings of baseball lovers?

Hollywood loves them: The heroes of "Bang the Drum Slowly" and "Bull Durham" were both catchers, played by Robert DeNiro and Kevin Costner.

Now comes Mark Parent.

Parent, who has 16 at-bats since being recalled from the minors Aug. 3, hit his second homer Monday night to lift Baltimore to a 4-1 victory over the Tigers in Detroit.

The victory extended the Orioles' winning streak to eight games and moved them into sole possession of second place, one-half game behind the idle Toronto Blue Jays.

"I've always had confidence in my ability," Parent said. "Obviously, when you're trying to make the playoffs, you have to give it everything you've got, every day, every at-bat."

### AL ROUNDUP

Tim Lincecum started the Orioles' fifth with an infield single. After Mike Moore struck out Harold Baines, Parent homered on the first pitch to give Baltimore a 2-0 lead.

Brady Anderson followed with a triple and scored on Mark McLemore's sacrifice fly. The Orioles added a run in the ninth when David Segui singled and later scored on a throwing error by shortstop Skeeter Barnes.

Arthur Rhodes, in his second start since being recalled July 31, allowed one run on three hits over eight-plus innings. He struck out eight and walked three.

White Sox 5, Athletics 4: Frank Thomas went 3-for-3 and hit a tie-breaking home run in the seventh inning for host Chicago.

Alex Fernandez allowed four runs and 10

hits in seven innings to earn his first victory since July 20.

Roberto Hernandez retired the final four batters for his 24th save in 28 opportunities. He entered with the bases loaded and two outs in the eighth and got Lance Blankenship to fly out.

Oakland's Bobby Witt lost his sixth straight decision, giving up all five runs in seven innings.

Reds 7, Mariners 6: Chico Lind's pinch-hit two-run single in the eighth capped a three-run rally for Kansas City against visiting Seattle.

Mike Macfarlane led off the eighth with a single off Erik Plamenberg, and Wally Joyner walked. Gary Gaetti doubled off Ted Power to pull Kansas City within 6-5. After Kevin McReynolds struck out, Greg Gagne was intentionally walked, and Lind followed with a single to right through a drawn-in infield.

Stan Belinda, the fourth Royals pitcher, went one inning for his first AL victory.

Major league club owners met Wednesday in Kohler, Wisconsin, a city noted for the manufacture of slacks and toilets and bathtubs. Will it be the city where baseball goes down the drain?

## French Panel Sets Hearing in Bribe Case

*Agence France-Press*  
**PARIS** — The French soccer league's disciplinary commission will hold a hearing on the Marseille-Valenciennes bribery affair on Aug. 27 and 28, the league said Tuesday.

The commission is to decide what sanctions, if any, are to be imposed on the players and officials implicated in the alleged attempt by Olympique Marseille to bribe three Valenciennes players before a league match on May 20.

Life bans are likely for Jean-Jacques Eydie, the Marseille midfielder who admits that he offered the Valenciennes players cash if they would go easy on his team, and Christophe Robert, the Valenciennes player who has admitted accepting 250,000 francs (\$42,000).

Jacques Glassman, the Valenciennes player who first made the

accusations, and Jorge Burruchaga, who admits involvement but claims that he never received any money, will give evidence.

Jean-Pierre Berres, the Marseille general manager at the time of the affair and the alleged orchestrator of the bribery, the Valenciennes coach, and Michel Coencas, the Valenciennes club's chairman, have also been summoned. Bernard Tapie, Marseille's president, is expected to be summoned later.

UEFA, European soccer's governing body, said it would wait for the outcome of the hearing before deciding whether Marseille would be allowed to defend the European Champion's Cup.

A spokesman said UEFA would make a decision on Aug. 30.

Marseille is to play A.E.K. Athens in the first round of the competition, with the first leg scheduled for Sept. 15. If UEFA excludes Marseille, Paris-Saint Germain, runner-up in the league and French Cup winners, would fill the slot.

Meanwhile, sources said Monday that Tapie's fingerprints were not found on an envelope containing the 250,000 francs allegedly used to bribe the Valenciennes players.

The sources said the fingerprints on the envelope did not correspond with those of any of the leading figures in the affair.

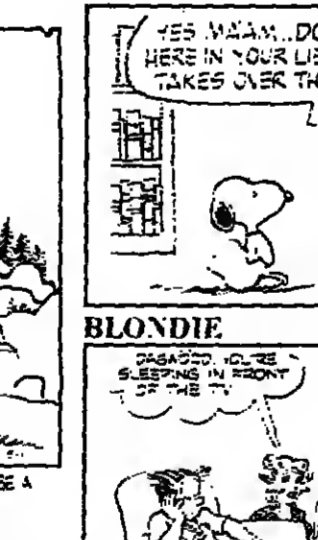
The envelope containing the money was found in June buried in the yard of Robert's aunt.

Tapie had his fingerprints taken on Friday during a meeting with the Valenciennes prosecuting magistrate, Bernard Befry.

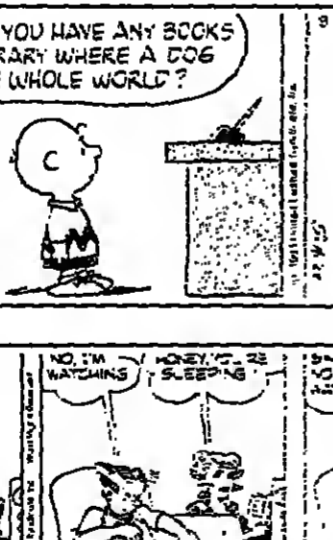
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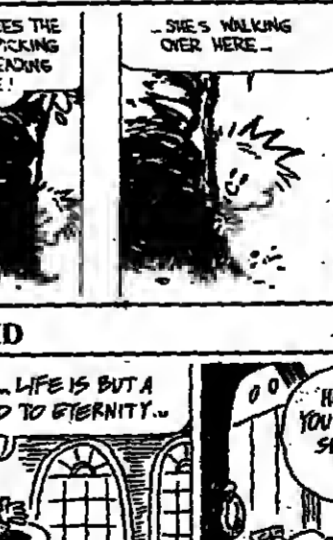
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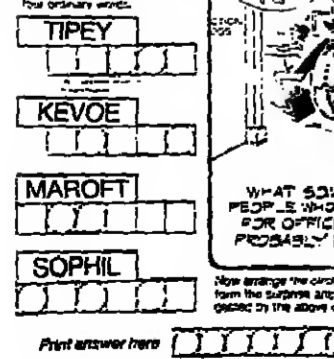
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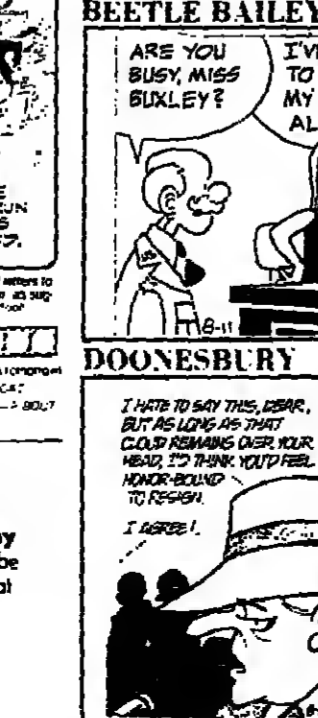
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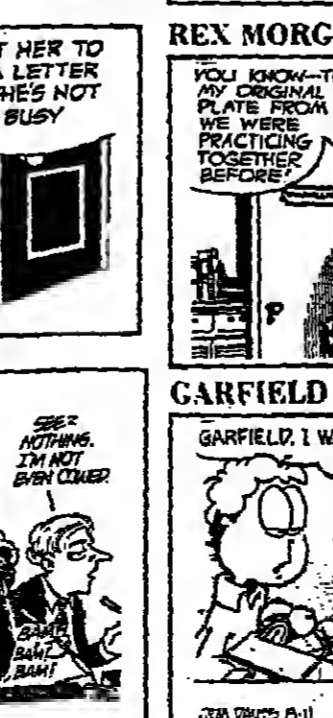
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# SPORTS FOOTBALL

## Team Medic Says Lewis Heart Test Was Normal

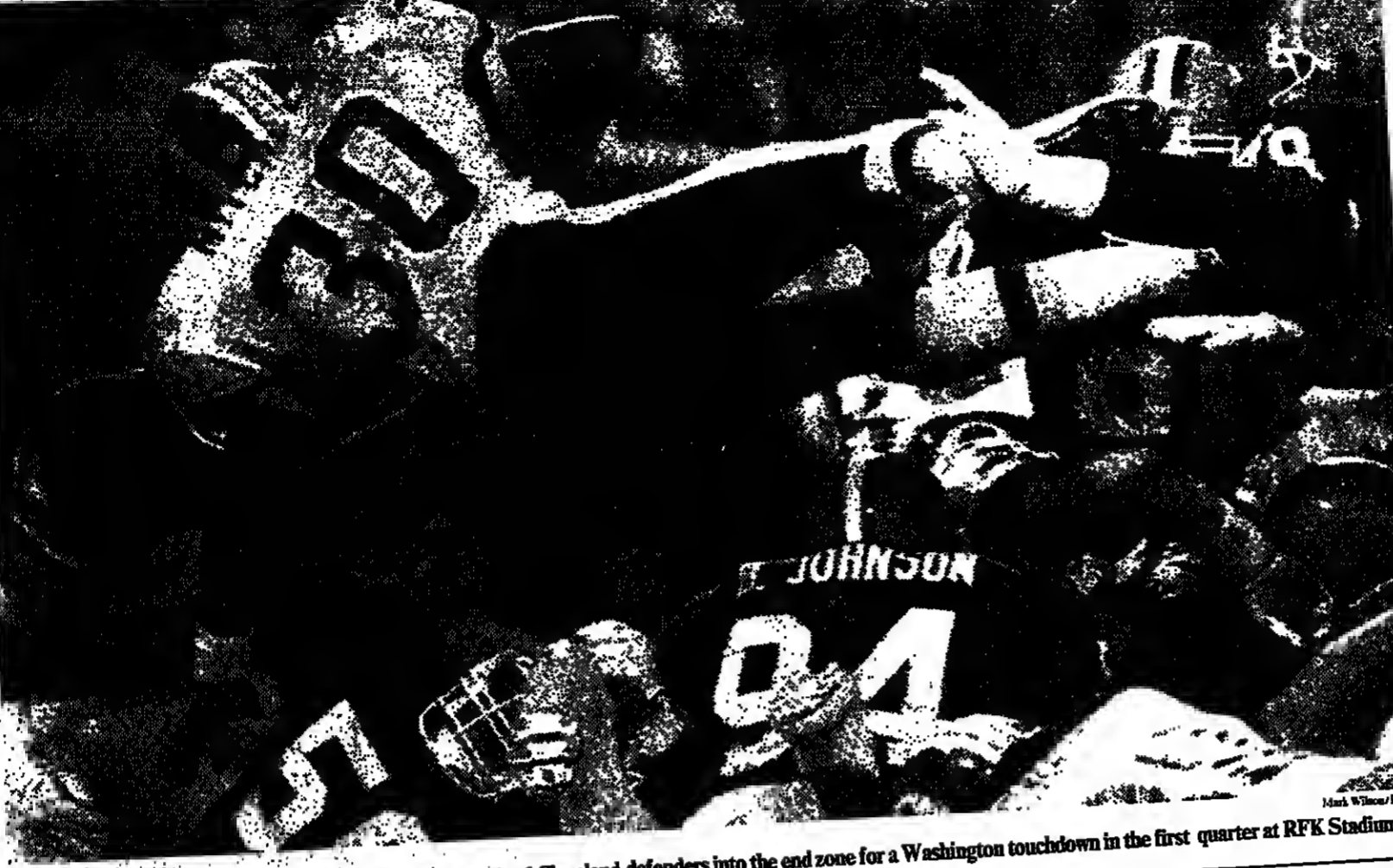
By Michael Cooper  
New York Times Service

BOSTON — Reggie Lewis showed no signs of an abnormal heart when he underwent a stress test on a treadmill three days before he collapsed during a playoff game April 29, the Celtics' physician said.

Dr. Arnold D. Scheller said Monday that he routinely monitors the heart rate of each player twice a year while they exercise on a treadmill. "Before we start the playoffs we put everybody through a stress test," he said. "Everything was normal."

Lewis collapsed and died while shooting baskets July 27. A preliminary finding of an autopsy, released last week, stated that his heart was "abnormal, enlarged, and was extensively scarred." It also said, "Preliminary drug screens showed no evidence of drugs or abuse."

After Lewis' first collapse, Scheller put the player's case before a group of consultants at the New England Baptist Hospital. He concluded that the Celtics captain suffered from a career-ending, life-threatening heart condition. Scheller said Monday that the preliminary finding that Lewis had an abnormal heart "matches everything that we saw at the Baptist."



The Redskins running back Brian Mitchell diving over a pile of Cleveland defenders into the end zone for a Washington touchdown in the first quarter at RFK Stadium.

## Redskins Crush Browns, 41-12, In Coach's Debut

By Richard Justice  
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Washington Redskins passed all their tests on Coach Richie Pitblow's opening night, as quarterbacks Mark Rypien and Cary Conklin turned in sharp performances and the unheralded wide receiver Mark Stock made three big plays to lead a 41-12 rout of the Cleveland Browns in a preseason game.

The Redskins made plays both big and small to win their first game for their new coach on Monday night. It was the typical exhibition game in that both teams looked at dozens of different combinations, but the Redskins were most pleased about some of their familiar ones. The only ooga-oo for the Redskins was that defensive tackle Tim Johnson was helped off the field with a rib injury.

quarters and was also impressive, completing nine of 17 for 111 yards and a touchdown.

Stock, who arrived at training camp with virtually no chance of making the team, then climbed into contention by making a play a day, caught Conklin's scoring pass, a seven-yarder with four seconds left in the first half, for a 24-6 lead.

He also had punt returns of 51 and 32 yards, and unless something unforeseen happens, has played his way onto the team. With Stephen Hobbs' opening an abdominal-muscle pull, Stock has emerged as the Redskins' fifth wide receiver.

He won't knock off any of the first four, however, especially veteran Art Monk. He may be the Redskins' fourth wide receiver, but he proved once more that he can still make plays. The Redskins threw to him only a couple of times Monday, but he caught one pass for 48 yards and another for 15.

## Lewis and Christie Head for Showdown in Stuttgart

STUTTGART — Southern France, playground of the rich and famous, has been home to Carl Lewis and Linford Christie this week as the world's two most glamorous sprinters prepare for the World Championships.

Lewis has been training near Nice and Christie has based himself in Monte Carlo as both men take advantage of the Mediterranean sun before their projected showdown in the world 100-meters final on Sunday.

The clash between the American world champion and Britain's Olympic gold medalist is the focal point of the men's competition at the fourth World Championships, which starts Saturday.

He ultimately triumphed in Barcelona when he won the long jump and anchored the U.S. 4x100 relay team to a world record with an electrifying final leg.

This season, meanwhile, Andre Cason, the U.S. champion, was the man in form in the early going, but recently has not looked nearly as convincing.

Lewis is the quickest man this season over 200 meters and runs the distance for the first time at a world championship. But this may well be the year for Namibia's Frankie Fredericks, Olympic 100 and 200 silver medalist, who has run all over Europe

and still looks to have plenty in reserve. Close behind the 100 meters and its public interest comes the 400.

The one-lap sprint features the Olympic champion, Quincy Watts, and the world-record holder, Butch Reynolds. Yet the overwhelming favorite is a third American, the world champion at 200 meters, Michael Johnson.

Johnson, a victim of foot poisoning in Barcelona, opted to run the 400 at the U.S. trials following a leg injury early in the season. He looks set to confirm his reputation as the best sprinter produced by the United States since Lewis.

## Giants Guard's Career Not Over, Doctor Says

The Associated Press

MADISON, New Jersey — Doctors think they know why the New York Giants guard William Roberts had a bout with an irregular heartbeat during a National Football League exhibition game, and heartbeats during a game he can play again.

Dr. Jeffrey Borer said Roberts' latest scare with a rapid heartbeat — his third in the last two years — probably occurred because he took an over-the-counter decongestant on Saturday and later drank cold water during the Giants' game at Cincinnati.

Roberts, who had two episodes with an irregular heartbeat last season, was released from New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center on Monday and was expected back at Giants training camp at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

## Vietnam Tees Off on a Golf Craze

Reuters

HANOI — Communist leaders are showing an interest in the capitalist sport of golf as developers race to be the first to open courses in Vietnam.

Do Muoi, Communist Party general secretary, took a look last week at the luxury Song Be golf club being built near Ho Chi Minh City, executives of the company said Monday.

Muoi, 76, did not hit a ball. But he was briefed by Nguyen Van Minh, president of the Palm Song Be course, and took a 45-minute walk around the facilities.

## Panel Accepts Yugoslavs

Reuters

Athletes from Yugoslavia will be allowed to compete as individuals at the championships but will not be allowed any national identification.

Yugoslavia, which once consisted of only Serbia and Montenegro, is under a United Nations embargo.

Yugoslav athletes will wear white uniforms and march under the IAAF flag, a formula similar to the one used for the 1992 Barcelona Games, said the IAAF's general secretary, Istvan Gyulai. No relay teams will be allowed and if a Yugoslav athlete wins a gold medal, parts of Beethoven's 9th Symphony will be played instead of the national anthem.

## SIDELINES

### Italian Leader Quits Fastnet Race

COWES, England (AP) — The Italian race leader, Larouze, dismasted and had to pull out of the Fastnet yacht race on Tuesday, leaving the Australian and German yachts fighting it out for first place in the Admiral's Cup series.

### FIFA Fines Colombia, Bans Caniggia

ZURICH (AP) — World soccer's governing body, FIFA, said on Tuesday that it had fined Colombia \$100,000 for breaking advertising rules. FIFA's disciplinary committee also confirmed a one-year suspension for Caniggia for using cocaine.

### Brazilian Star Gets Japan Soccer Ban

TOKYO (Reuters) — Japanese soccer authorities on Tuesday imposed a two-match ban on the Brazilian starlet Alcindo after he pushed a referee during a match on Saturday and later burst into the officials' dressing room.

### For the Record

The Austrian Formula One driver Gerhard Berger left a hospital in Innsbruck on Tuesday after an operation on his elbow. No announcement was made about whether he would race Sunday for his team, Ferrari, in the Hungarian Grand Prix.

### Quotable

Yogi Berra on golfing: "Ninety percent of putts that are short don't go in."

## SCOREBOARD

### BASEBALL

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## SCOREBOARD

### BASEBALL

#### Major League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE	Best Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	44	49	256	.41	0
Baltimore	43	49	256	.40	1
Seattle	42	49	256	.39	

OBSERVER

Life in the Sidestream

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — The budget deficit reminds me of sidestream smoke. I don't really believe either one is going to kill me, but I am afraid to say so out loud. There are too many passionate people devoted to the idea that they will, too, kill me.

As with most good public-relations campaigns, those promoting the evils of sidestream smoke and the budget deficit are supported by authorities so authoritative that they would have awed a medieval monk.

Who dares challenge a surgeon general in a country where most people are scared to tell their own doctors they'd like a second opinion? Who dares challenge a Texas billionaire with charts at his disposal?

In Opera, New Faces Behind the Baton

By Barbara Jepsen
NEW YORK — The conductor Karen Keltner still flinches when she recalls the time a potential engagement fell through because a well-known stage director refused to work with a woman.

The most visible of their number is the English conductor Sian Edwards, 33, music director of the English National Opera, which is Britain's second-largest company in terms of budget.

Other notable women active in the opera pit include the Australian newcomer Simone Young, 32, a protégée of Daniel Barenboim who has conducted at the Staatsoper Unter den Linden and Komische Oper in Berlin.

conductor Alicia Mounk, formerly first Kapellmeister of the Stuttgart Staatsoper and now general music director of the city of Ulm, Germany, where she leads three operas annually.

Yet despite their considerable inroads into what one wag termed "the last sexist stronghold," female opera conductors remain a small minority, frustrated at times by the closer scrutiny accorded their performances and the slower progress of their careers.

Two years later, when Rattle had to cancel a production of Mahagonny with the Scottish National Opera, he recommended the English composer Oliver Knussen and Edwards as possible replacements.



Sian Edwards, one of most visible of young female opera conductors.

PEOPLE

India Legislators Urged To Move on Obscenity

"What is beneath the blouse?" the popular song from the Hindi film, "The Villain," has ignited a nationwide debate in India. Its lyrics contend merely that what's beneath a woman's blouse is "the heart."

It would be the match of chess wunderkinds. The Hungarian Judit Polgar, 17, the world's top-ranked female chess player, versus Bobby Fischer, 50, the former chess champion whose record as the youngest grandmaster Polgar has broken.

Adopting a baby last spring was "absolutely, positively the smartest and best thing I've ever done for myself," says the actress Michelle Pfeiffer, who is 35 and unmarried.

Burt Reynolds has unloaded again about his split from Lori Anderson — this time to Variety, saying that he'll seek full custody of Quinton, the couple's son.

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CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution to the puzzle of Aug. 10.

WEATHER

Weather forecast for Thursday through Saturday, provided by Accu-Weather. Includes maps for Europe, Asia, North America, and Latin America.

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